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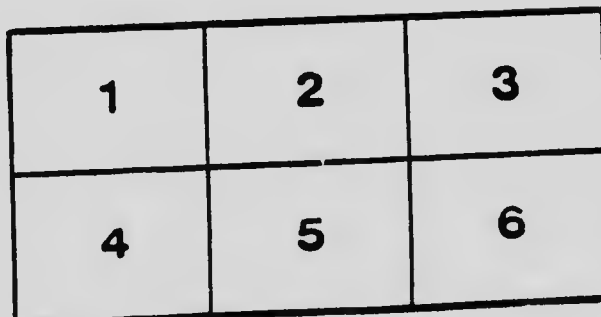
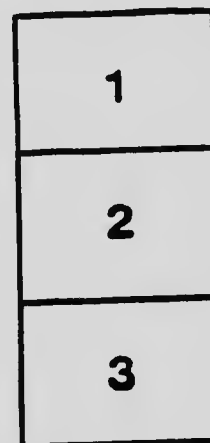
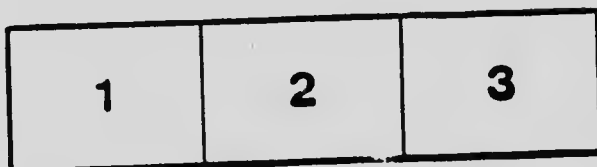
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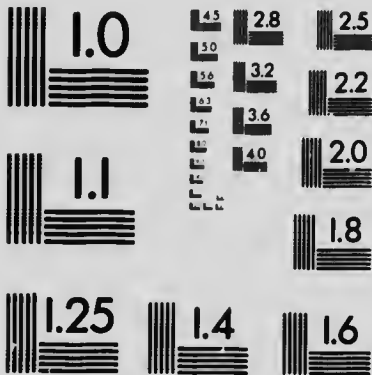
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The reports made by the Conservative majority members of the Committees investigating charges of alleged wrongdoing in connection with the equipment of the overseas contingents would have led the country to believe that there was nothing very irregular about the way the vast sums of money voted by Parliament were spent.

Sir Robert Borden was unable to allow the matter to go to the people in that light, and on the last day of the session he publicly reproved two members of his party in Parliament, mentioned several cases in which court proceedings would be taken, held out a general jail warning to others, and concluded by announcing that hereinafter the country's money would be spent under the direction of a committee of business men.

Sir Robert Borden is the leader of the party in power in Canada.

If he made scapegoats of Mr. Garland M.P., and Mr. Foster M.P., it was partly because he expected that by focussing hostility on them, he would withdraw it from himself, the cabinet, and other members of his party.

WHY THESE TWO AND LET THE OTHERS GO?

Why did he overlook the men responsible for the rotten boots, and why forget to mention his Nationalist Deputy Speaker, Sevigny, a member of whose family made the big haul on the drugs?

But also other party's members had their part in the patronage orgy which resulted in the conditions that have been exposed when Sir Robert Borden condemns two by name, he condemns all by inference.

Conservative members of Parliament in private and, it is said, in caucus, have argued that the logical and proper constitutional course is to remove Major General Hughes from the Cabinet. **Sir Robert Borden has not done this. Why? The General's friends say the Prime Minister dare not insist on the retirement of the Minister of Militia. Again, Why?**

No criticism Liberal members have made of the fantastic methods adopted under the direct initiation of General Hughes carries anything like so severe a condemnation of the General and his administration as this tact of the Prime Minister. In condemning Garland and Foster he condemns by inference his party's abuse of the power of patronage.

In threatening middlemen with the penitentiary he invites the public to guess *why* these rapacious middlemen were given such scope and with whom they divided their spoils.

In appointing a business men's committee he pronounces sentence of unfitness not only on General Hughes, but also on the other members of his Government whom he appointed a purchasing committee.

The Conservative party, tried in a great crisis of the country's history, *is thus condemned by the leader of that party.*

If the people of Canada think Sir Robert Borden was right in what he did on the last day of the session, then the thing to do is to

**turn them all out
and restore Business Methods
to all the Departments of
Government.**



